

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

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~~In some embodiments, prosthetic~~ Prosthetic conduits include biocompatible material formed into a generally cylindrical section and an expanded section connected to the generally cylindrical section ~~to form a conduit~~. The conduit has a lumen extending through the generally cylindrical section and the expanded section. ~~In some embodiments, the~~ The biocompatible material is may be tissue. The biocompatible material can include one segment or a plurality of segments joined together to form the generally cylindrical section and the expanded section. ~~In some embodiments, the~~ The prosthetic conduit may include[[s]] a reinforcement to prevent ~~unwanted~~ dilation or collapse of the conduit. The reinforcement can be placed at or near the junction of a generally cylindrical section and an expanded section and/or at other locations along the conduit. The prosthetic conduit may ~~or may not~~ include a prosthetic heart valve. The prosthetic conduit can include tubules to facilitate attachment of coronary arteries to the prosthetic conduit ~~for embodiments in which a portion of the aorta adjacent the heart is replaced~~. ~~In some embodiments, the~~ The prosthetic conduit includes two sections that are joined to form the prosthetic conduit.